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Go Green, Swachh Survekshan initiatives

MCC apathy leaves plants to dry and die

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

Mysuru, Feb. 17- While the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is propagating greenery every other day, many saplings planted along busy roads at various spots across the city are dying, all due to the lackadaisical attitude of the very people who planted them.

Thousands of saplings are planted each year on roadsides and medians as part of the 'Go Green' initiative by the MCC and separate funds are allocated for this. The initiative takes wings every time a road is asphalted and lakhs of rupees are spent to procure cement pots to plant these and for them to hold water.

The tree-planting drama goes on for a month or so when dedicated water tankers from the civic body pour water to the plants every morning and evening.

Then suddenly these vehicles vanish and the plants are left to die. After planting the saplings, the medians and kerbs are usually painted and here too, money and labour is spent.

Such initiatives witness the participation of local Corporators and leaders of various political parties and it becomes a good photo op for them.

Many roads, even in the Central Business District like JLB Road, Vinoba Road, Babu Jagjivan Ram Circle, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle, DC Office Road, Jaladarshini Guest House Road, Hunsur Road, Double Road, DC's Residence stretch, Valmiki Road Junction, and many other roads are dotted with such neglected plants. At many places even the pots are broken.

One look at the plants and people can see the apathetic attitude of some irresponsible people holding positions of power has led to this green mayhem on the roads. When the annual exercise of *Swachh Survekshan* happens, the 'Go Green' activity again picks up pace and pots are lined up on the road medians, saplings are planted, pots and kerbs are painted.

(See MCC on page 6)

KERC hearing on power tariff

CESC wants Rs. 2.27 hike per unit; consumers say NO

KERC Chairman H.M. Manjunath and member M.D. Ravi at the public hearing held at DC Office Court Hall in city this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RKB&BCT)- The annual exercise of public hearing by Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) before the power tariffs are hiked was held this morning at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Court Hall. The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has sought a hike of Rs. 2.27 per unit in the existing rates.

The hearing was held under the leadership of KERC Chairman H.M. Manjunath, member M.D. Ravi and Secretary Rekha. Stakeholders from Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Mysore Industries Association (MIA), KIADB Industrial Area Manufacturers' Association (KIAMA), Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (HIEMA), Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KSSIA) and representatives of consumers and farmers were present.

The hearing began with CESC Managing Director Jayavibhavaswamy saying that for 2022-2023 financial year, there is a shortfall of Rs. 1,543 crore.

(See CESC on page 7)

After 700 days of closure

Golden Temple in Bylakuppe to open on March 3

Kushalnagar, Feb. 17 (Akshay & BCT)- After being closed for over 700 days, the Namdroling Nyingmapa Monastery or the Golden Temple at Bylakuppe will open for visitors from Mar. 3. The Temple was shut ever since the COVID-19 pandemic began and it was out of bounds for visitors till now. In a communication yesterday, the Administrative Office of Namdroling Monastery has stated that since the infection rate is declining at a rapid pace with very little severity now, a decision has been taken to open the Golden Temple.

(See TEMPLE on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 17th February 2022

International recognition to Mysore Varsity Scientists

Prof. Rangappa Dr. Mohan

Mysuru, Feb. 17- The University of Mysore (UoM) has set another milestone as the research paper published by its faculty members has been chosen as the "Best Paper Award in Biochimie."

Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, UoM and Dr. C.D. Mohan, Assistant Professor, Department of Studies in Molecular Biology, Manasagangothri, along with their international collaborators discovered that Vitexin (a chemical isolated from passion flower) kills the liver cancer cells by targeting STAT3 protein which is overactivated in various human cancers.

They published this work in an internationally reputed journal named "Biochimie" and this paper has been chosen as "Best Paper Award."

Prof. K.S. Ahn of South Korea and Prof. Gautam Sethi of the National University of Singapore, are the international collaborators of this project. Best paper of the year award has been announced at the official website of Biochimie. Prof. Rangappa and Dr. Mohan are the scientists involved in executing this work from the University of Mysore. Dr. Mohan has been awarded the cash prize of 1,000 Euros (approximately Rs. 87,000) for being the first author of this publication.

Prof. Rangappa and Dr. Mohan are invited to receive the award and to deliver lecture at the Annual Congress of the French Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on July 4 and 5, 2022 at the University of Paris, France.

It may be noted that Prof. Rangappa and Dr. Mohan have been granted with many patents for the discovery of anticancer compounds against various human cancers and published hundreds of research papers in internationally peer-reviewed journals.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The lamp has great significance in our culture. Saints point to that shining, eternal, smokeless flame whose light is all-pervasive. This is the brilliant Light of Consciousness, which when reflected in the mind makes our inner thoughts glow. Not only does it project the world in its entirety, but also illumines it. In that Light, we recognise the universe with all its happenings, experiences and limitless wonders. However, what we actually experience depends on the texture of our thoughts. Whether the flame is smoky, dull or wavering is contingent on the nature of the mind...

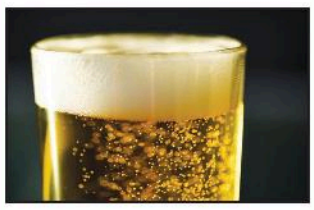
Our minds are full of varied thoughts, sometimes positive, sometimes simmering with negativities. To a positive mind, everything appears beautiful and wonderful. We radiate the joy of peace and happiness that we feel within ourselves and light up the world around us. It is said that there is nothing that a person with a pure, focussed, single-pointed mind cannot achieve. The mind alone is the cause of our bondage and also the cause of our liberation. As our mind, so our world! When it is lit with knowledge, even knowledge of the laws of the world, we can perform efficiently to reap the right results. Conversely, when the mind is dull, shaky, like the wavering flame, we see a distorted image of the world and ourselves, leading to a lack of confidence and self-esteem. Then, when we act in the world outside, our actions are neither productive nor efficient.

Therefore, sages stated, 'Be a lamp unto your Self.' In any situation of life, self-assessment is essential. In fact, we should make introspection a daily habit. When we look within, we can find the beautiful Self hidden amongst the clutter of our own thoughts. We then understand that the source of whatever ugliness, distortion, conflicts and obstacles we face, lies within us.

— Swami Swaroopananda in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Scientists find way of making non-alcoholic beer taste



Copenhagen: As non-alcoholic beer tastes much worse than regular lager, Scientists in Denmark claim to have developed a way of making it taste just as satisfying.

After decades of having to put with the flat and watery taste of non-alcoholic beer, one can now enjoy the satisfying taste of the real thing, minus the alcohol. Researchers led by Sotirios Kampranis, a professor at the University of Copenhagen, engineered a species of yeast called Saccharomyces cerevisiae to produce a group of molecules called monoterpenoids, which are found in hops.

This method of artificially recreating the aroma of hops using monoterpenoids is currently being tested in breweries across Denmark, and the plan is to have a plan ready for the country's entire brewing industry by the end of October.

Man wears up to 2 kg gold jewels, drives gold car

An Giang: A 39-year-old Vietnamese man recently went viral because of his obsession with gold, wearing kilograms of jewelry around his neck and on his hands, and driving gold-plated cars and motorcycles.

Tran Duc Loi, an entrepreneur from Vietnam's An Giang province has been getting a lot of attention in his home country because of his fascination with the world's most popular precious metal. For the last three years, Tran, who makes a living selling South American lizards as luxury pets, has been surrounding himself with gold, as a way of boosting his luck and prosperity. He believes gold attracts good fortune in business, so he makes sure to wear as much of it as possible whenever he goes out.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Early signs of an ectopic pregnancy include light vaginal bleeding and pelvic cramps on one side, dizziness, pain in rectum. Often period might have missed but may have been lighter than usual. If so, doubt a pregnancy and do a test.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Ganabharathi to host Karnatak music concert tomorrow

Vid. Pattabhirama Vid. Srinidhi Vid. Sudhindra Vid. Ramanujam

Mysuru, Feb. 17-Ganabharathi has organised Sri Desiraju Tripurasundari and D.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Karnatak Music vocal concert on Feb.18 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit will present the concert. He will be accompanied on violin by Vid. Matthur Srinidhi, on mridanga by Vid. H. S. Sudhindra and on ghata by Vid. G. S. Ramanujam. All the connoisseurs are welcome.

Literacy Mission exam on Feb. 18

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (ASC)- Loka Shikshana Directorate (Directorate of Mass Education) and State Literacy Mission Authority will be jointly conducting various Saksharatha (literacy) examinations tomorrow (Feb. 18) for the year 2019-20. The exams will commence in Mysuru city and at city's seven taluks, according to a press release from District Adult Education Officer.

REALLY...?

- ***In Ancient Egypt, people put a dead mouse in their mouth if they had a toothache, according to Nathan Belofsky's book Strange Medicine: A Shocking History of Real Medical Practices Through the Ages.***
- ***Mice were also used as a warts remedy in Elizabethan England.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: *State your name.*
Prisoner: *Not Guilty.*
Judge: *What?*
Prisoner: *I had it legally changed.*
Judge: *You're Not Guilty?*
Prisoner: *Thanks, I'm out of here!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.03
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.97
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.26

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	FEBRUARY 15	FEBRUARY 16
Day's Positive Cases	66	125
Total Positive Cases	2,28,727	2,28,852
Day's Discharges	261	285
Total Discharges	2,25,212	2,25,497
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	2,552	2,552
Total Active Cases	963	803

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop wheelies and stunts on busy roads

Sir,

It has been observed that most of the teenagers nowadays are performing wheelies and other dangerous stunts on busy roads causing inconvenience and panicking the elderly riders, who may succumb to the fear and shock and may end up hurting themselves.

Mostly, the reckless riders perform these stunts on automatic gearless scooters. I have personally seen few of them performing these dangerous stunts on Nelson Mandela Road and Bannimantap.

I request the Traffic Police to crack down on this menace by seizing their vehicles and also punish them as per the law.

I also urge people to click pictures of these bikers along with registration numbers and share with the Police to ensure road safety.

—Nihad

Mysuru 15.2.2022

Apollo BGS Hospitals donates

first-aid boxes to City Police Stations

200 jackets to Police personnel

Dr. Chandragupta, City Police Commissioner, who released the first-aid kits at his office, seen with Dr. K.V. Lokesh, Consultant - Emergency Medicine, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru and Uma Maheshwar, Assistant Administrative Officer (AAO). Picture right shows Dr. Srinivas Nalloor presenting jackets to Inspector Srinivas and team.

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Apollo BGS Hospitals, in a gesture to support the Mysuru City Policemen, presented first-aid boxes to Police Stations and 200 jackets to Police personnel.

In all, 30 first-aid boxes to be installed at Police Stations across the city were handed over to Dr. Chandragupta, Mysuru City Police Commissioner, at his Office recently by Dr. K.V. Lokesh, Consultant - Emergency Medicine, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

Dr. H.V. Satish, Senior Consultant - Plastic Surgeon, presented the jackets to ACP Gangadhar of K.R. Traffic Police Station while Dr. Srinivas Nalloor, Consultant Nephrologist, handed over the jackets to Inspector Srinivas of Railway Police Station.

Apollo BGS Hospitals also provides free ambulance service (Dial 1066) for any medical emergencies across the city.

"The role of the Policemen is crucial at all times, especially during medical emergencies and green corridor formations during urgent Organ transfers that can save lives. We express our gratitude to their relentless support and services," said N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

CFTRI to conduct online workshop

on Food Processing, Preservation & Packaging

Entrepreneurs / Startups may register before Feb.26

Mysuru, Feb.17- CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, is organising a two-day online workshop on "3Ps of Food Industry: Processing, Preservation & Packaging" on Mar. 3 and 4 under the CSIR Integrated Skill Initiative for the benefit of Entrepreneurs / Startups working in the area of Food Processing.

An overview of processing of various food products such as bakery products, grains, spices, fruits & vegetables, speciality foods will be covered in the webinar. Food preservation is an important aspect to protect food from microbial growths and maintain safety of the product. Application of preservatives, both natural and artificial, knowledge about the food safety standards and regulatory requirements are the major concerns for MSMEs and Startups to get a robust foothold in market.

Packaging provides protection and tampering resistance in a way ensuring safe handling and distribution of the products. Advanced technologies are used in food packaging using diverse materials such as paper, plastic, aluminium, glass, bio-degradable etc. More details about the programme and important links for registration and payment is available at: *https://cftri.res.in/sdp* or contact Head, Planning, Monitoring & Coordination, on e-mail: *pmc@cftri.res.in*

The online workshop will be held from 9.30 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm.

Last date for online payment and registration is Feb.26.

Entrepreneur aspirants with Graduation/Diploma can also attend this workshop. They have to upload their Graduation / Diploma certificate during registration. e-Certificates will be issued to those who successfully completes the programme, according to a press release from Dr. Parigi Ramesh Kumar, Sr. Principal Scientist, Technology Transfer & Business Development (Information & Publicity), CSIR-CFTRI [Ph: 0821-2515910].

Dr. Renu Agrawal nominated to National Export Committee

Dr. Renu

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, has been nominated to National Committee on Export Standards, Guidelines and Promotion for Vegan Food Products by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority of India, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

The Committee will develop the export oriented standards, guidelines as per importing country requirements, authenticate the vegan products in the supply chain and promote strategies for export promotion.

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Industrial Motivation Campaign: Calling women entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Feb. 17- MSME Development Institute, Bangalore in association with WISE (Women In Small Enterprise) - MCCI (Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry) is organising a one-day "Industrial Motivation Campaign" on Feb.19 (Saturday) from 10 am to 3 pm at the MCCI premises on D. Devaraja Urs Road.

The objective of the programme is to provide awareness on Role of Ministry of MSME, amended schemes of MSME and aspects of Exports. Expert Speakers from MSME Department are participating in the programme.

All women entrepreneurs may attend the workshop and make use of this opportunity. Those who are interested may register their names by contacting Rukmini Chandran on Mob: 94483 54648 or B.R. Bharathi on Ph: 0821-4250246 or email: *mccimysore@gmail.com*, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sub-Registrar Office timings extended from 9 am to 7 pm

Under Karnataka Registration Rules, 1965, 4 (1), the State Government has ordered to extend the Department of Stamps and Registration Office (Sub-Registrar Office) timings from 9 am to 7 pm in the interest of the public, till further notification. Earlier, the office used to function between 10 am and 5 pm.

No power supply today

Owing to emergency maintenance work, power supply is disrupted today from 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Lakshmipuram, Hosakeri, Nellurshed, KR Vanam, Medarakeri, Chamundipuram and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

Scholarship

The Backward Classes Welfare Department (BCWD) has invited applications from SC community students to avail post-matric student scholarships. Students must have Aadhaar number seeded to their bank accounts before applying. The last date to submit applications is Feb. 28. Applications may be submitted by visiting https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/. For details contact Ph: 0821-2520910, according to a press release from Assistant Director, BCWD.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	117.16	feet
Yesterday	:	117.48	feet
Inflow	:	343	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,612	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,280.12	feet
Inflow	:	86	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,925	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.03	feet
Inflow	:	192	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Alleged dowry harassment: Woman ends life, husband taken into custody

Nandini

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RK&KS)- A 25-year-old woman committed suicide by hanging self on Tuesday and the deceased woman's parents, accusing the woman's husband and his family members of killing her for dowry, have lodged a complaint at Saraswathipuram Police Station.

The deceased is Nandini, wife of Vijay, residents of Janata Nagar in city.

Nandini is said to have attempted suicide at about 1.30 pm on Tuesday and though she was rushed to a private hospital immediately, she is said to have breathed her last in the evening, according to Police.

Daughter of Mahadevashetty and Savithramma couple of J.P. Nagar here, Nandini was given in marriage to Vijay two years ago and the couple have an 11-month-old daughter. It is learnt that there were differences of opinion between the couple which led to frequent quarrels.

According to the statement given by Nandini's mother Savithramma to the Police, Vijay, an employee of a software company, used to restrict Nandini from speaking to her parents over phone and fight with her.

Savithramma has also stated that Vijay, along with mother Sannamma, sister Meenakshi and relative Siddappa used to harass Nandini for dowry and added that Vijay was given enough gold ornaments, silver articles and cash at the time of marriage but still she was being tortured physically and mentally.

Stating that his daughter did not commit suicide but was killed, Mahadevashetty has lodged a complaint with Saraswathipuram Police. Based on the complaint, Saraswathipuram Police have taken Vijay into custody.

The body of Nandini was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to her family members.

Three more arrested in Alanahalli Kiran Kumar's murder case

Kiran Kumar

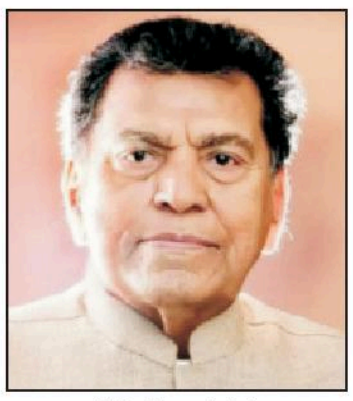
Mysuru, Feb. 17 (MK&KS) - Alanahalli Police on Wednesday arrested three more persons in connection with the murder of Kiran Kumar (27), who was allegedly killed by his relatives after a drunken brawl over the ownership of a revenue site on Feb. 11 night.

The arrested are Sachin, Sagar and Pramod, all prime accused in the case, who had gone absconding after the murder. The Police had arrested Mahesh and Rakesh earlier and the total number of persons arrested in the case has now gone up to five.

It may be recalled that Kiran Kumar, who ran a security agency, went to a Bar and Restaurant in Alanahalli Layout along with those arrested on Feb. 11. As they were discussing the civil dispute over the ownership of a revenue site, a heated argument broke out, following which Pramod, with help from Mahesh and Rakesh, is said to have stabbed Kiran Kumar. A profusely bleeding Kiran Kumar was rushed to a Hospital, where he breathed his last, it is learnt.

Alanahalli Police, who swung into action, took Mahesh and Rakesh into custody, while prime accused Pramod, Sachin and Sagar had gone absconding soon after committing the crime.

Former MLA and educationist H.D. Chowdaiah passes away


H.D. Chowdaiah

Mandya, Feb. 17 (Mohanraj& KS) - Former MLA and long term Chairman of People's Education Society (PES) H.D. Chowdaiah (94), died of age-related ailments at his residence in Holalu village on the outskirts of Mandya on Tuesday night.

Chowdaiah leaves behind sons H.C. Mohan Kumar and H.C. Hariprasad and daughters H.C. Bhagya, H.C. Latha and Dr. H.C. Savitha. His wife Doddalingamma had pre-deceased him three years ago.

Born to a family of farmers in 1928, Chowdaiah was a BSc., (Agriculture) graduate and he was instrumental in the meteoric rise of the co-operative sector in rural Mandya.

Chowdaiah entered politics by becoming a member of the Mandya Taluk Board and later its President. He represented Keragodu Assembly segment four times — 1978 (Janata Party), 1983, 1985, 1999 (Congress). Keragodu Constituency merged with Mandya and Melkote segments after the 2004 polls.

He was also elected as MLC from the Legislative Assembly in 1992.

He was the President of Mandya District Co-operative Central Bank Ltd (DCC) and during his tenure, DCC witnessed enormous growth which played a significant role in financial prosperity of Mandya farmers. He was also the long term Chairman of PES which is the biggest educational institution in Mandya district. After demise of PES Founder K.V. Shankaregowda, Chowdaiah served the Society as its Chairman for 31 years and handed over the baton to Shankaregowda's grandson K.S. Vijayanand.

Obituary

Mirza Ismail Baig

Mysuru, Feb. 17 - Mirza Ismail Baig (98), a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, near Masjid Kousar, passed away this morning in city following age related ailments.

He leaves behind son Mirza Inayathulla Baig, five daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed this evening at Tipu Masjid in Bannimantap, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Pattamada Rani Poonacha

Pattamada Rani Poonacha (Palecanda), a resident of Hebbal, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following prolonged illness. She was 85.

She leaves behind sons Dinesh and Girish and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam yesterday night, according to family sources.

Ananthalakshmi

Ananthalakshmi (75), wife of retired Railway employee late Suryanarayana and a resident of Mahadevapura, passed away at her residence yesterday following age related ailments.

She leaves behind one son, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

Jayalakshmamma

Jayalakshmamma (92), wife of retired State Bank of Mysore Officer late C.L. Narayan and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away on Monday night.

She leaves behind son M.C. Srikanteshwar, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam on Tuesday.

Puttabasamma

Kollegal: Puttabasamma (80), wife of late Bandigaiah and a resident of Muthapurada-hundi Layout in the town, passed away on Tuesday morning.

She leaves behind three sons, one daughter, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land on Tuesday afternoon.

Thammanna

Mandya: Thammanna (72), a resident of Toreshettyhalli in Maddur taluk of Mandya district, passed away on Monday night, following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including CPM party leader Yashwanth, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Toreshettyhalli on Tuesday, according to family sources.

Palace temple paintings, murals regain colours

Conservation team to bring centuries-old exquisite art back to its original glory

By A. Ganesh

Mysuru, Feb. 17- A small tear in the canvas, a white patch in a crimson-red painting, a couple of lime splashes, damage caused by dust and fungal growth or cracks in the paint due to increased humidity. These are some of the factors that are constantly preying on art pieces and eating into their aesthetic value.

The Mysore Palace and its surrounding temples are a treasure house of paintings and efforts are on to protect these tangible pieces of history and culture. Be it century-old oil paintings, stained glass windows, frescoes, paintings of Gods and Goddesses, the exquisite artworks are in a deplorable condition.

The restoration works have been taken up by National Research Laboratory for Conservation (NRLC) of Cultural Property, Lucknow, which has entrusted the work to its Regional Conservation Laboratory in Mysuru. The Department of Archaeology and Museums has initiated the conservation work.

Conservation depends on the amount of deterioration and the time it will take to be corrected. Some of the aspects of conservation include recreation, stretching and un-stretching canvases, mending, lining, consolidation of flaking paint and retouching.

At present, the conservation and restoration works are going on at Varahaswamy and Ambujavalli Mahalakshmi temples in the Mysore Palace campus. The temples were originally built by the Hoysalas in Srirangapatna and the original idols were brought and installed at the Palace temples in 1811 by Chikkadevaraja Wadiyar.

Later during the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Dewan Poornaiah beautified the interiors of the temples with paintings of Ramayana and Mahabharata. However, these attractive oil paintings and murals have not been properly maintained and over the years, they have lost their glory.

LACK OF MAINTENANCE

Enough care is being taken to ensure that faulty restoration and repainting are not happening in the name of conservation. These precious collections are being restored by a specially trained conservation team where original paintings are retouched using scientific conservation techniques.

These rare paintings have been damaged during earlier restoration works of the temples. Apart from conserving the original materials, the team is also undertaking restoration of the works that require fillers, colours or coatings to reconstitute a missing component of the art — amalgamation of chemistry and arts.

"This process is tedious and an art form in itself. We are seeing variations of damage that fall into two categories — structural or aesthetic," Biyas Ghosh, Senior Conservator, told *Star of Mysore*. Other members of the team are Senior Assistant Conservator Nithin Morya, Suresh Dixit and S.V. Sahana.

NATURAL COLOURS FADED NOW

"Many natural colours have been used on the walls of the temples, ceiling, pillars and wooden cupboards. Due to an absolute lack of maintenance, these colours have faded and also have been chipped off from the original pieces. We first clean the surroundings of the art work and then plaster the painting chips so that they don't fall off. Later, the gaps are filled to recreate the art work," Biyas Ghosh explained.

Some of the paintings are fungus-infested. The oil used in the paintings has flaked or peeled off and there are also lime deposits on the canvas. The art works would be documented first by recording their physical and chemical properties. Compatible materials are being used not to spoil the original.

Many paintings had suffered damage because of the large number of visitors touching the paintings. Also, damage has been caused due to water leakage, high moisture content and extensive use of incense sticks, dhoop and also camphor inside the temples for rituals.

LABOUR-INTENSIVE PROCESS

"We have sought the original records of the temple paintings from the Mysore Palace Board and also the Palace Library. If we get hold of the records, it will help us maintain the originality in the conservation efforts. These paintings are more than 200 years old and efforts are on to carefully conserve them," Biyas Ghosh said.

Typically it takes two to three weeks to restore a painting. However, this timing can vary depending on an art piece's condition, the extent of damage and the painting's size. A large painting with extensive damage could take more time. The entire process is labour-intensive and needs deft hands, Ghosh added ■

Automatic Ticket Vending Machines at Railway

Stations provided with UPI-QR code payment facility

Mysuru, Feb. 17- Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) have been installed at various Railway Stations over Mysuru Division to facilitate passengers to buy unreserved tickets through digital mode.

Earlier, only Smart Card payment option was provided in the ATVMs to buy the tickets. Now, Paytm, Freecharge & UPI QR code-based payment facility has also been implemented in ATVMs in many Stations over South Western Railway (SWR) with effect from Feb.10, 2022.

Passengers can now book unreserved journey tickets, platform tickets, renew season tickets and recharge ATVM Smart Cards using these new payment option.

With the implementation of these Paytm & UPI QR code-based payment facility, any passenger who is having UPI Mobile App can purchase tickets from ATVMs. This will help passengers in buying unreserved tickets easily without standing in queue at booking counters.

Speaking about this new feature installed in ATVMs, Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR Mysuru, said that ATVMs have been installed at 10 Stations so far over Mysuru Division which include Mysuru, Hassan, Shivamogga Town, Davangere, Haveri, Arsikere, Bhadravati, Pandavapura, Kadur and Harihar.

Golden Temple to open on Mar. 3

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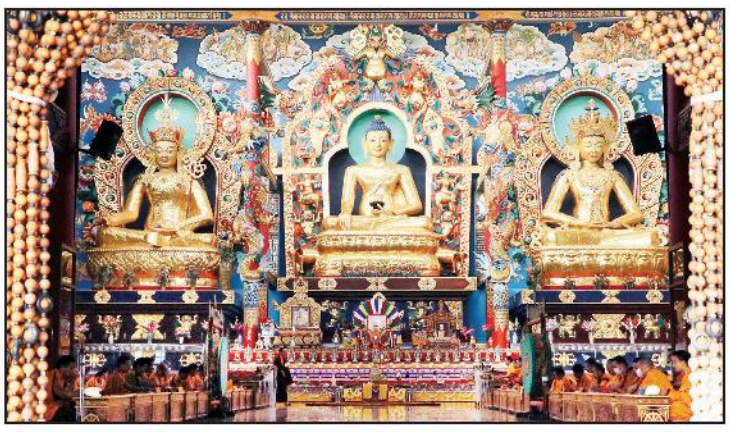
"All monks and nuns above the age of 15 in our monastery have received two doses of vaccination, while the old aged monastics and frontliners have received their booster shots as well. Keeping this positive progress in view and under the kind direction of the Two Tulkus, the Chief of Namdroling Monastery, and the Three Khenchens, the main gate of the monastery will open for the public starting from Mar. 3," the communication read.



However, if COVID situation starts to become serious and the number of cases increases again in the coming days, then the main gate will once again be closed, it added. All the visitors have been strictly told to adhere to all pandemic protocols.

Incidentally, the Tibetan New Year begins from the first week of March and hundreds of monks and other spiritual leaders from other parts of the country, Nepal and Tibet are expected to land in Bylakuppe as part of the celebrations and this opening of the Golden Temple will facilitate them.

Utilising the pandemic-induced closure, the Monastery and its surrounding campus have been painted. Remarkably, not a single labour from outside was used and all the works were done by monk superiors, skilled volunteer monks and student monks. The three imposing statues — Sakyamuni Buddha or Gauthama Buddha flanked by Guru Padmasambhava to his right and Amitayus to the left — too have received fresh coats of paint and are shining to their fullest glory.

Third meeting of Heritage

Conservation Committee held

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (RKB&BCT)- A meeting of the Heritage Conservation Committee took place under the Chairmanship of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham at his office yesterday. This is a Committee formed by the State Government as per the 2020 Zonal Regulation and it was its third meeting.

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Commissioner of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department B.R. Poornima, Architect Sharatchandra, Structural Engineer Dr. Syed Shakeeb-ur-Rehman, Member of the Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) Prof. N.S. Rangaraju attended.

Others in the meeting were Environmentalist Prof. K.S. Lokesh, Naturalist Dr. N.B. Ramachandra, Artist Prof. Vijaya Rao, Srihari from Non-Government Organisation, additional members G. Malleshappa, A.S. Dharmendra Kumar and Shelvapillai Iyengar.

The meeting assumes significance as there are more than 200 heritage structures in Mysuru city and most of them are in danger of collapsing due to dilapidation and gross neglect. The leaking Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion whose ceiling has caved in at two places, Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building where the MCC is ready to demolish and reconstruction stand as examples.

Even the Chamundi Hill and the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple where there is unbridled urbanisation abetted by the political leadership under the guise of development will come under the Committee's purview and without its sanction, no development can take place. Apart from the 200 notified heritage structures, an additional 250 to 300 structures were added to the heritage list but they are yet to be notified.

MCC apathy leaves

plants to dry and die

Near Ramaswamy Circle on JLB Road.

Hunsur Road opposite DC's Bungalow.

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But as soon as the *Swachh Survekshan* evaluators, who come to rank the city's cleanliness and beauty factor leave the city after noting down points, the saplings get no water and no one even looks at them. Ironically, the plants in question are in the surroundings of the MCC Office.

According to Forest Department officials, maintenance and watering should be taken care of by the civic body. Forest Department is only responsible for providing saplings. They do not have funds to look after them and their job ends there.

Railway Station Road.

Public speak...

On the one hand the State Government launches many environmental activities and releases funds so that the District Administration and MCC carry out plantation drives to provide a pollution-free environment. On the other hand, thousands of grown plants have wilted on roads," said Ramesh, a resident.

Supreetha Kumar said, "What is the use of planting saplings if you cannot nurture them. By showing sheer disregard for the upkeep of hundreds of plants, the authorities have proved that plantation drives are merely photo-ops that are done to grab media headlines while the ground reality tells a different tale."

Make a law to protect gun rights of Kodavas

CNC says vested interests conspiring to include many others in Coorg by race classification

Mysuru, Feb. 17 (MTY&BCT)- A gun is an integral part of Kodava culture, used in many rituals including birth, death and festivals and the Karnataka High Court has already upheld the Arms Act exemption granted to every person of Coorg by race Coorg (Kodagu district). As such, a law must be made to ensure that the rights of Kodavas over guns continue, demanded Codava National Council (CNC) President Nandineravanda U. Nachappa.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in the city yesterday, he said that all those who are settled in Kodagu are not Kodavas and attempts are being made by vested interests to portray a few communities as Coorgs (Kodavas by race). Attempts are being made at the highest official and political level to include many other communities in Coorgs by race classification for the sake of votes, he said.

"These vested interests who have settled in Kodagu — who are very different from the unique Kodava community — are systematically attempting to snatch away the exclusive rights of Kodavas by diluting the community itself and by demanding rights over guns. Kodava rights over guns are being questioned in the Court of law and the Courts have repeatedly upheld the Kodava community rights," he noted.

The Kodava community has a long history with guns, and their culture is intrinsically linked with firearms. There are festivals in which gunshots are fired in the air, and a gun salute is performed when a child is born or a person dies. Firearms are an integral part of any Kodava festival, he said.

The British in recognition of their martial traditions granted the community a special privilege to own firearms without a licence in 1861. The exemption was then issued by the Union Government in 1963 under the provisions of the Indian Arms Act, 1959.

The Centre had issued a notification exempting every person of (the) Coorg race and every Jamma land tenure holder in Coorg from the Indian Arms Act. There was no curb on the privilege even after Coorg, which was a separate State earlier, merged with Karnataka, he said.

"This exemption has been questioned in Courts by vested interests and the Courts have repeatedly ruled in favour of Kodava community. As such, this exemption must be safeguarded with a law to protect the interests of the community. Like the Sikhs have been granted to possess the Kripan, Kodavas must be granted rights to possess a gun," he demanded.

Other CNC leaders Kaliyanda Prakash, Lieutenant Colonel (Retd.) Balladichanda M. Parvathi, Chambanda Janath Kumar and Apparanda Poovanna were present.

Nanjangud bandh over disrespect to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait

Nanjangud, Feb. 17 (Chandru& KS) - Accusing Raichur Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Mallikarjunagowda of removing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's portrait during Republic Day celebration, thus showing disrespect to the Father of the Constitution, the Federation of Dalit organisations, farmer and other organisations, observed Nanjangud bandh today.

Urging for sacking of the Judge, they took out a protest march in the town.

Following the bandh, all shops, private schools and colleges and hotels downed the shutters, while Banks, Government Offices, KSRTC and private buses functioned as normal.

Hundreds of protestors, who assembled near the Ganapathi Temple, took out a protest march on R.P. Road, garlanded the statue of Dr. Ambedkar and continued the march to reach Hullahalli Circle where they staged a protest. They later blocked the Highway.

Federation President Suresh, Raitha Sangha District President Vidyasagar, Nagarle Vijayakumar, Narayan, Trinetra, Nanjundaswamy, Bangarswamy and others took part in the protest condemning the incident and seeking action.

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CESC wants Rs. 2.27 hike per unit

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To set right losses, the CESC needs to increase tariffs up to Rs. 2.27 per unit. He outlined various reasons for the revenue loss. CESC has jurisdiction over Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu regions.

Responding to the presentation made by the CESC MD, President of MIA and former MLA Vasu took strong objections against the CESC appeal of increasing power tariff. He and MIA Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain said that already 30 percent of the industries, especially in the small-scale sector have closed due to COVID and high raw material cost.

"By proposing an unreasonable hike of Rs. 2.27 per unit, the CESC is killing the industries. This is an anti-industry move and the KERC must not bow to the pressure. The revenue collection system of CESC is inefficient and there is no control over electricity pilferage. Consumers and industrialists are being penalised for their inefficient and highly corrupt attitude," they charged.

K. Ravindra Prabhu, Vice-President of KIAMA, argued against the tariff hike and said that in the next six months, many more industries will shut shop as there is no support from the Government. "In addition, Government agencies like CESC that should actually serve people are hell-bent on making profits, burdening the hapless consumers. In fact, this public hearing is just a waste of time as Corporations like CESC will get their way and KERC cannot do much in this regard," he opined.

Every year, Electricity Supply Companies approach the KERC for a revision of tariff. Later, the KERC sends a proposal to the State Government with its tariff hike recommendations.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF PROJECT ASSISTANT

A Walk-in-Interview will be held on 21.02.2022 at 9.30 A.M. for 01 (one) post of **Project Assistant** purely on contract basis for a period of 01 year and 11 months (Upto May 2024) or completion of project whichever is earlier under CSB approved project **"Development of Spectroscopic tests for Insecticide Resistant Biomarkers in Silkworm, *Bombyxmori*" (PC - AIC01023SI)** at Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute, Srirampura, Mysuru - 570 008.

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FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
16586	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	03.15	06.15	Mon, Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	05.00	07.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.30	07.55	Monday	Fully reserved
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Unreserved
16229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16023	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.10	11.00	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.35	Friday	Fully reserved
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	16.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
16557	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.30	17.20	Daily	Unreserved
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.50	Daily	Fully reserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	20.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.35	21.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	19.00	22.10	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.10	22.50	Wednesday	Fully reserved
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	22.20	01.15	Daily	Unreserved
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16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	01.50	04.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	02.05	05.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	04.30	07.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.25	08.00	Friday	Fully reserved
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	06.00	09.10	Daily	Fully reserved
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.00	08.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.15	10.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily	Fully reserved
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.35	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
06567	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.30	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	14.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
16024	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.00	16.15	Daily	Unreserved
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.15	15.55	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.15	20.00	Thursday	Fully reserved
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
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Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)	Fully reserved
07313 (Express)	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.45	10.55 (Hassan)	Daily	Unreserved
06225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	21.50	Daily	Unreserved
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	20.10 (Fri)	17.50 (Sun)	Friday	Fully reserved
17301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Partially unreserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	21.05	07.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07314 (Express)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.05 (Hassan)	19.40	Daily	Unreserved
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)	Fully reserved
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	03.30 (Wed)	Monday	Fully reserved

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	09.15	10.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	19.00	20.45	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	07.15	08.50	Daily	Unreserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.30	16.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07328	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.30	23.10	Daily Passenger	Unreserved

JSS AHER gets top ranking

in country among Young Universities

Mysuru, Feb. 17- In the recently declared Times Higher Education (THE) Young Universities Global Ranking, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), Mysuru, has stood first in the country followed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar and IIT Indore.

As many as 40 Indian Universities have been ranked this year, against 34 ranked in 2021. As per THE, India and Turkey overtake the UK to become the most represented countries overall, with 40 institutions each. The UK shares third place with Iran (both have 37 Universities).

Among Indian Universities, JSS AHER has been ranked 70 with a score of 50.01, followed by IIT Ropar and IIT Indore ranked at 81 and 86 respectively.

Last year, the IIT, Ropar, ranked first in the country in the same rankings, but was outdone by JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, this time, stated a press release from the Registrar, JSS AHER.

The Times Higher Education Young University Rankings list the world's best Universities that are 50 years old or younger. The Universities are judged across all their core missions — teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

MLA gives nod for list of

Ashraya Housing beneficiaries

Mysuru, Feb.17 (MTY&DM)- In a move aimed at providing houses to the shelterless, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has given nod for the list of 1,900 Ashraya Housing beneficiaries coming under Hootagalli CMC, Rammanahalli, Srirampura, Bogadi and Kadakola Town Panchayats and Hinkal Gram Panchayat of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment. Devegowda approved the list at the Chamundeshwari Constituency Ashraya Samiti meeting held at the MCC's old Council Hall on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, GTD said that measures have been taken for the construction of 2,448 houses in a 40-acre area under the Affordable Housing scheme near Mandakalli at a cost of Rs.168 crore. While 1,870 of them are G+2 category, 578 are of G+1 Category, he said that 8,000 people from the above mentioned Urban Local Bodies coming under the Constituency had applied for houses. Now, the final list of 1,900 beneficiaries, which was prepared with utmost care by officials, has been approved , he noted.

MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) N.M. Shashikumar said that the Airports Authority of India has granted permission for the group housing scheme that is coming up near Mandakalli, where the Mysore Airport is located. As such, there are no hurdles now for the execution of the group housing project, he added.

Shashikumar further said that the DPR for the project is ready and it is expected that it will be approved shortly by the Government. Pointing out that each beneficiary has to pay Rs. 6.89 lakh, he said that the Centre has announced a subsidy of Rs.2.50 lakh for SC/ST beneficiaries, while the State Government has extended a subsidy of Rs. 1.5 lakh for General category beneficiaries.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy directed representatives of Gayatri Consultants, which has been entrusted with the task of constructing houses, to maintain quality throughout. He also asked them to complete the project within the set deadline.

MCC Additional DC Roopa, Mysuru Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, Hootagalli CMC Commissioner Narasimhamurthy and a host of other officials were present.

Mysuru is also a Medical City – 3

Medical Facilities in Mysuru

[Continued from Feb. 9]

By R. Chandra Prakash

At the dawn of independence Mysuru inherited a predominantly Government medical infrastructure. As early as 1889, the Cheluvamba Hospital was established in city. In 1908, Ayurveda and Unani Hospital, in 1917 P.K. Sanatorium, in 1924 Mysore Medical College and in 1927 K.R. Hospital were established. These medical facilities went on to grow in size and in services.

Chandra Prakash

However, a non-Government Holdsworth Memorial Mission Hospital was established in the year 1906. Thereafter, a few other charitable hospitals came up in the city such as Dr. Anandi Bai Prasad's Prasad Maternity Home on Irwin Road and Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital in Lakshmipuram, another one by yet another philanthropist in VV Puram and yet another on Dewan's road. There were a few private medical clinics.

There was a setback in the growth of Government medical facilities due to lack of clear policy and shortage of funds both at the Centre and the State between 1980 and 2000. This led to the emergence of private medical facilities in city.

Emergence of more private medical facilities

Only about two decades ago Mysureans were travelling to distant places like Chennai, Coimbatore and Bangaluru for the diagnosis and treatments for medical issues such as Eye care and Dental care, or serious one like Cancer, or for major surgeries such as heart, kidney, liver, brain etc. Today the city has private medical facility in every field of medical specialisation. They deal with cancer to organ transplants, brain surgeries to heart surgeries, and even the treatment of HIV AIDS. And these private facilities constitute the main source of salvation for the sick and infirm depending upon their paying capacities. Growth of medical insurance too has stimulated the growth of these medical facilities.

Between 1980 and 2000 private hospitals such as Kamakshi Hospital, B.M. Hospital, Aditya Hospital, JSS Hospital, Vikram Hospital and later on the corporate medical facilities like Apollo BGS Hospitals, Columbia Asia [now Manipal Hospital], Narayana Hrudayalaya came up in the city. Since then a slew of mid-size and small-size medical hospitals/ clinics have also come up in almost all the important residential layouts.

A wellness city

There is a campaign for Wellness in the city. Emphasis on Yoga is obvious to Mysuru as it is a world recognised yoga city. During December 2021 alone around 1,300 plus foreign yoga enthusiasts have arrived in the city for training. There are hundreds of yoga training centres and

Gokulam III Stage has emerged as an epicentre of Yoga.

Then there are Oxygen Inhaling centres, Salt Caves, Ayurveda Therapy centres and Massage centres. There are also alternative medical practices of various genre and shades providing some sort of solace to those who find no relief in any of the known medical practices.

Ayurveda has a great tradition in the city and is being used as part of Wellness regime. This tradition was strongly propagated by eminent Pandits in the field such as Pandit Chandrabhan Singh who was Royal Consultant and later on B.V. Pandit went on to build a very vibrant Ayurveda chain stores in city and elsewhere. There are large Ayurveda treatment clinics such as JSS Ayurveda and several Kerala-based Ayurveda clinics. The belief in this tradition is well reflected in 259 nursing homes and clinics registered in the city.

Registration under KPME Act

Under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act [KPME] the private medical establishments are compulsorily required to registered themselves. The registration is done under two different categories namely Allopathic Practices and Ayurveda Practices. As per the information from the District Health Officer, Mysuru, has registered a total of 1,283 private medical establishments in the district until December 2021. Among 1,283 there are 919 Allopathic and 259 Ayurveda or AYUSH establishments. Under Allopathy, there are 65 Hospitals, 26 Nursing Homes, 31 Day Care Centres, 121 Poly Clinics, 676 clinics and as many as 105 Diagnostic Centres. And under AYUSH 4 Hospitals, 5 Nursing Homes, 5 Day Care Centres, 18 Poly Clinics and 227 Clinics. These account for nearly 70 percent of private medical facilities registered under KPME Act in Mysuru District.

There seems to be a catch in the numbers. Even though the total number of registration is stated as 1,283, it is found that this does not or may not tally with the true picture in the city. "Clinic" category includes a variety of services such as Dental Clinics, Eye Clinics and Clinics of Dermatologists, ENT Specialists, Physiotherapists etc. The total of these three categories will be a little over 800. But as per information from the practitioners in the respective fields, the total number of Dental Clinics in the city itself is estimated at more than 450! On Kalidasa Road itself there are about 14 Dental Clinics! And simple Eye Clinics are said to be more than 30 with 6 to 7 Super Specialty Eye Clinics! Today the city has modern hospitals and clinics both under Allopathy as well as Ayurveda practices. But their numbers are definitely more than 1,283.

Medical professionals

As per the information from the Secretary of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mysuru, it is estimated that the city has about 200 Physicians, 200 Surgeons, 150 Anaesthetists, 100 ENT Specialists, 110 Ophthalmologists, 80 Dermatologists, 15 Cardiologists, 15-20 Onco-Surgeons, 10 Diabetologists, 10 Endocrinologists, and 5 Rheumatologists. There are about 45 qualified and trained Physiotherapists and 16 private therapy centres and hospitals.

MAHAN

Mysore Association of Hospitals and Nursing Homes - MAHAN was established in the year 2009 with about 16 private hospitals and with a Vision "to create local body for private medical fraternity which facilitates unity of entire medical fraternity, promotes sound, trusted practices and induces a harmonious doctor-patient relationship." Its Mission is 'to guide, steer, motivate and hold hands of every Private Healthcare Establishment to carry on his/her medical, ethical and social responsibilities and duties conscientiously and fearlessly while providing effective healthcare delivery system in conjunction with the socio political authorities." Today it claims to have about 123 members consisting mainly of (65) hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres. Its objectives in brief are:

1. Promotion of Ethical practice amongst the Healthcare professional and eventually Optimum Quality of Health care for the patients.

2. Uphold the dignity, honour, safety and well being of Health care professionals working towards patient care in various Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Diagnostic centres and Clinics.

3. To help promote Public Health and good public relationship along with Health Education for the best health care possible within our system.

4. Promote unity, welfare and strong bonding amongst all health care professionals and its establishment towards achieving a strong bonding and tackle common issues without jeopardising the interests of each establishment.

5. Will be single point of contact to interact with all Government or non-Government bodies directly or indirectly associated with health care.

Today there is a vibrant private health care system in the city and people can get every possible type of medical care without rushing to Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai or Coimbatore.

[To be continued]

WORD OF THE DAY

Meander

Pronunciation: mee-AN-der.
Meaning: Meander means "to wander aimlessly or casually" or "to follow a winding or intricate course."
Origin: Meander comes from Greek Maiandros, an old name for a winding river in Asia Minor that is now known as the Menderes. Despite this origin, the word is more commonly used to refer to a person's wandering course than a river's.
Example: "Seeking a respite from the frantic pace of the digital world, we turned to 'The Unwinding: And Other Dreamings.' ... [We] meandered through the pages, absorbed in peaceful fragments of prose and Morris's elaborate watercolors." — Julian Wray and Sam Mathisson

THE ODD WORD

Macrotous

Big-eared.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Method to my madness

Meaning: Means that there is often a reason behind someone's mysterious behaviour.
Origin: This phrase is based on a line from Shakespeare 's Hamlet, written in the year 1602.
Example: "At the start of his presentation, it seemed that he's out of his mind, but when he finished, we saw that there's method in his madness."

QUOTE BOX

There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness.— **Friedrich Nietzsche**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET

Answer: Six Feet Under.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Ex-India left-arm spinner Raghuram ___
5 Regional Airline Assoc.
8 Former Arab capital
12 Fast food order (2,2)
13 Old French coin
14 Ex-India President
15 Improved pr bettered
17 'Dash' or 'Ardour'
18 Means of covering up
19 Burn, set ablaze
21 "Cable" anagram for a Biblical name?
24 Fastener
25 Strongly audible or noisy
26 Ability to float
30 Girl's name
31 Dens
32 Labour assn.
33 Fails to give proper attention
35 12th month of the Jewish calendar
36 Wimbledon winner in 1975
37 Smooth and glossy
38 Fly than can carry sleeping sickness
41 Let sleeping dogs ___?
42 Routine
43 Sets in motion
48 Image or icon
49 A hardwood tree or its wood
50 Group of three
51 Numerous; not few
52 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
53 Playwright George Bernard ___

TUESDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	M	■	O	L	P	E	■	F	O	L	K
T	O	E	■	L	A	O	S	■	E	S	A	U
A	B	S	O	L	U	T	E	■	A	S	P	S
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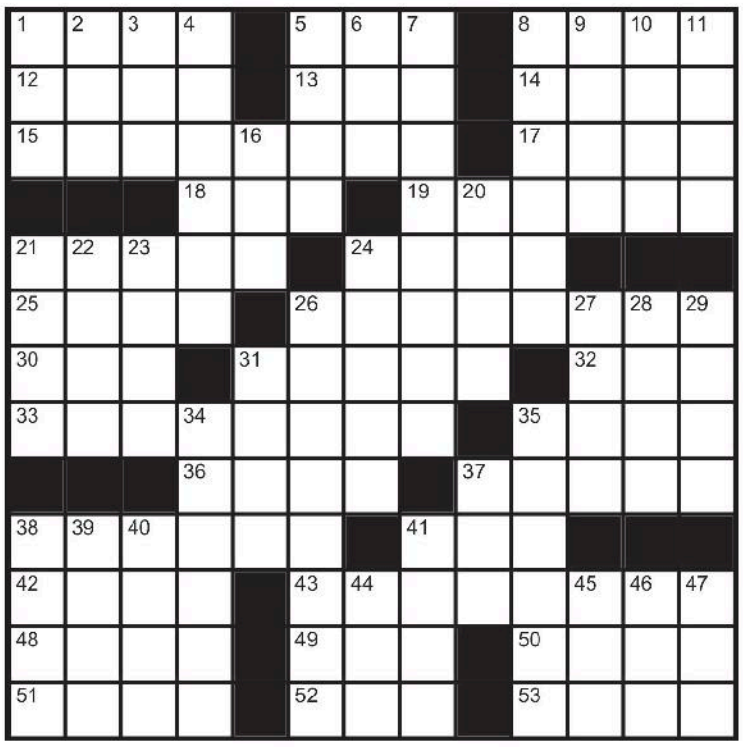
W	A	G	E	S	■	F	U	R	■	P	M	S
O	B	E	R	O	N	■	D	E	C	R	E	E
L	E	S	■	F	E	E	■	S	U	I	T	E
■	■	■	F	I	E	N	D	■	R	Y	A	N
F	L	O	R	A	■	C	E	L	I	A	■	■
R	A	V	I	■	H	A	C	I	E	N	D	A
E	V	E	L	■	A	S	K	S	■	K	E	G
E	A	R	L	■	P	E	S	T	■	A	S	L

DOWN

1 British Thermal Unit, in short
2 Leap on one foot
3 Above ground level
4 Laboured or worked very hard
5 In short, no more on active duty?
6 The highest card in the pack
7 Accounts checkers
8 List of items to be considered at a meeting
9 Capital of East Timor
10 "E" of QED
11 Highest single digit
16 Lie
20 ___ and the dolls : boys and girls, in a way ?
21 A large family group especially in Scotland
22 First-class (1-3)
23 Respiratory organ
24 Set of furniture
26 Unmarried man
27 Cleopatra's river
28 Across or down - this is one
29 Egg yellow
31 Not so much
34 Recently
35 Chooses
37 Moral offence
38 In good order
39 Carbonated water?
40 Famous English school
41 Mr. Skywalker of Star Wars fame?
44 Anti-aircraft artillery, in short?
45 Monarchical letters
46 Electronic Industries Assoc.
47 ___ one's wild oats : be promiscuous before marriage?



SUDOKU

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	6		5			1		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	4	2	3	1	9	5	6
5	2	3	8	9	6	1	7	4
9	1	6	5	7	4	8	2	3
6	3	5	7	2	8	4	9	1
1	9	2	3	4	5	6	8	7
8	4	7	1	6	9	5	3	2
4	7	1	9	5	2	3	6	8
2	5	8	6	1	3	7	4	9
3	6	9	4	8	7	2	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LHZU IHLFG NKV TUBTIU DHII

WHKV GFU DNR.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS P

Tuesday's Cryptoquip: The longest part of the journey is said to be the passing of the gate.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Love Mocktail 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Love Mocktail 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 9900820093
  Oppanda (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Oppanda (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Rowdy Baby (K) - 2 Shows; *Khiladi (Te)* 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Khiladi (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  FIR (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Balaji (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm, 10 pm
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Khiladi (Te)	(S-1)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Death On The Nile (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 7.10 pm
FIR (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Fourwalls (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Moonfall (E)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Oppanda (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Badhaai Do (H)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am
Death On The Nile (E)	(S-1)	9.30 am
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 12.40 pm 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Khiladi (Te)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 2.40 pm 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Oppanda (K)	(S-1)	3.35 pm
Fourwalls (K)	(S-4)	6.25 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
Ide Antaranga Shuddhi (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
FIR (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Death on the Nile (E)	10.20 am, 1.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Marry Me (E)	10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	11.30 am, 3.10 pm, 6.20 pm, 10 pm
Khiladi (Te)	11.45 am, 2.55 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Fourwalls (K)	11.55 am
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
FIR (Ta)	3.10 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	7.10 pm
DJ Tillu (Te)	9.40 pm

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Khiladi (Te)	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Death on the Nile (E)	11.55 am 6.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Preethigibbaru (K)	12.55 pm
FIR (Ta)	2.55 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	3.25 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.20 pm
Ide Antaranga Shuddhi (K)	3.50 pm
DJ Tillu (Te)	6.50 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Fourwalls (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 6.45 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am
Khiladi (Te)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.45 pm, 6.20 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	(S-3)	6.20 pm, 9.15 pm
FIR (Ta)	(S-4)	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Intl. Childhood Cancer Day
at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital

Dr. Maneesh S. Giri, Consultant Paediatrician, Dr. M.N. Ravi, Clinical Director, K.V. Kamath, Marketing Head, Dr. Tarangini Durugappa, Paediatric Hemato Oncologist, Dr. Mekhala, Radiation Oncologist and Dr. Chetan, Consultant Paediatrician, during International Childhood Cancer Day at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital in Mysuru recently.

Mysuru, Feb. 17- As part of International Childhood Cancer Day, Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Mysuru, had organised an awareness programme in city recently.

Experts deliberated on various topics of importance, about prevalence, detection and treatment. While giving a comprehensive overview of various cancers prevalent among children, the experts stressed on preventive measures including early screening and emphasised for wider community participation to raise awareness on the disease.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. M.N. Ravi, Clinical Director of Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, said "Childhood cancers are not uncommon and include blood cancers, brain and kidney tumours, bone and eye cancers. Children have warning symptoms like fever and headache, bone pain, lethargy, weight loss and pallor. The International Childhood Cancer Day is a global campaign endorsed by Narayana Health to raise awareness and extend support to children with cancers and their families."

Paediatric Oncology Expert Dr. Tarangini Durugappa said, "A cancer diagnosis is upsetting at any age especially so when the patient is a child. Each year approximately 1 million new cancer cases are diagnosed in India and 3 percent of these occur in children. The most common childhood cancer includes Leukemia (Blood Cancer), Brain Tumour and Lymphoma. The majority of childhood cancer is curable with earlier diagnosis and management in a dedicated Paediatric Haematology Oncology setup."

Workshop for Community Pharmacists held

Mysore District Chemists and Druggists Association (MDCDA) along with Suvarna Karnataka Chemists and Distributors Association (SKCDA) conducted a workshop on 'How to Improve Recognition, Respect and Revenue for Community Pharmacists' at Hotel Pai Vista in city recently. Seen are** (from left) **Pharmacist N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co., chief guest & speaker Dr. B. G. Nagavi, former Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, Manjunath, Secretary, SKCDA, Manjunath, Secretary, MDCDA and Subramanya (seen addressing) of Medilinks.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 17)

- **Hastashilpi:** 'Silk India-2022' expo, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival-2022, Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

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